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Greetings,

As part of the OPI 2015 Summer Mentor Institute, participants can take part in a national research project. Rick Welsh, one of our keynote presenters at this year's institute, is conducting longitudinal data on effective co-teaching practices. This data will be published at the close of his study. There is no cost to participate in the research project.

Thank you for your consideration,
Annette Young

We invite your co-teaching staff to participate in national research project regarding co-teaching. Taking part in the project should provide immediate benefits to your teams and their students. Information gathered from Montana and the rest of the country will be incorporated into the 2015 Summer Mentor Institute in Bozeman this July. The time required is about 7 minutes per co-teaching partner.

To participate in the Teachers Analyzing Co-Teaching (TAC-T) project, ask your staff members to follow this link <http://noboxinc.com/tact.html>. Once on the website, click the large green button in the center of the screen to begin.

The TAC-T is research-based and confidential. No one will see your staff's responses. Participating teams will receive:

- A report about their teaming status
- Suggestions for improvement (if needed)
- A reference document to assist in refining their co-teaching skills

Teams may resubmit data every 90 days to monitor progress. Administrators may request an analysis of the data from your school or school system. (Teachers' names will not be included in the administrator reports.)

To learn more about Co-Teach America and the Teachers Analyzing Co-Teaching instrument, click on <http://www.coteachamerica.com/index.html>. Please share this with your co-teaching staff as well as other administrators and teachers whose schools are involved in inclusion and co-teaching.

You may also contact Mr. Welsh directly if you have questions or need assistance. Here is his contact information.

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Thank you for your participation.